

# A PROCLAMATION CONCERNING

HERESIES.



Whereas because that of late many straungers, boing out of the kynges obedience, are arrived and come into this realme, which, al be it that they were baptised in their infancy and childhood, according to the ordinance of the universall church of Christe, yet that notwithstanding, in contempt of the holpe sacramente of baptism so given and receyved, they have of their owne presumption and audacity, lately rebaptised them selves: and over and besyde that, they deny the most blessed and holy sacrament of the altar to be really the very body of our lord Iesu Christ: And yet farr her, they kepe holde and teche other dyvers and sonder pestilent heresies agaynst god and his holy scriptures, to the great unquyetnesse of christendome, & perdition of innumerable christen soules, wherfore a greate nombre of them ben iudicially & lawfully convicted of their detestable heresies, and have and shal for the same suffer pynes of death, as reason & iustice requireth in that behalfe: The kynges mooste honorable, beinge Supreme heade in earth under god of the church of Englande, alwaies extendinge to defende and mainteyne the fayth of Christe, and sacramentes of holy church, and daily subvyenge and myndyng about al thinges to save his lowng subiectes (members of the sayde church) from fallynge into any erroneous opinions and damnable heresies, into whiche they myghte happen to fall, and be infected by the communyon & conversation of suche corrupt, seditious, and erroneous persons, do byneth and straitly chargeth and commaundeth, that al and singuler straungers, now beinge in this his realme, as well suche as have recanted and renokyd their sayde heresies, as al other that have or do hold or teche those or any other erroneous opinions or heresies agaynst god and his holy scriptures, shal within .xii. dayes nexte after this present proclamation departe out of this his realme, & of al other his dominions, on payne to suffer death, if they contrary to this proclamation do stonde & be apprehended or taken. And that no persone hereafter beinge of the same sectis, and holdyng suche erroneous opinions and heresies, upon lyke payne repaire unto this his realme, or into any parte or place of his dominions. And over this, his highnes straitly chargeth and commaundeth, that none of his owne lowng and naturall subiectes be so hardy to holde kepe or teche any errors or heresies contrary to god and his holy scriptures, upon lyke pynes above remembred, wyllyng and commaundyng as wel al prelates of holy church, as all nobles, Justices, maytes, shireffes, bayliffes, constables, & al other his ministers and lowng subiectes, that they and every of them, shal put their good and effectuell endeavour for the apprehendynge of suche as they shall here or knowe to kepe holde, or teche any suche heresies, to the entente the offendors maye receive due punishmentes and pynes of death from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require, according to their merites, not sparinge so to doo, as they will avoide and escape the kynges mooste bynde indignation and displeasure, and answer to his maiesty for the same at their uttermoste perilles.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE

Tho. Berthelet. regius impressor  
excudebat.

CVM PRIVILEGIO.